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substantially uniformly distributed throughout said matrix, said strands constituting the major mass of said matrix and performing the principal abrading function thereof, said matrix being shaped in the form of a rigid wheel that is substantially self-supporting when rotated around a spindle at high speed.

2. A device for abrading or the like, comprising a plurality of elongated metallic strands, said strands being intertwined at least at some parts thereof with each other in a reticular mass, a sufficient amount of binder rigidly connecting said strands at the intersecting areas thereof to form a matrix, the remaining portions of said strands defining a plurality of open spaces substantially uniformly distributed throughout said matrix, said strands constituting the major mass of said matrix and performing the principal abrading function thereof, said matrix being shaped in the form of a rigid wheel that is substantially self-supporting when rotated around a spindle at high speed.

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